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BIOGRAPHY

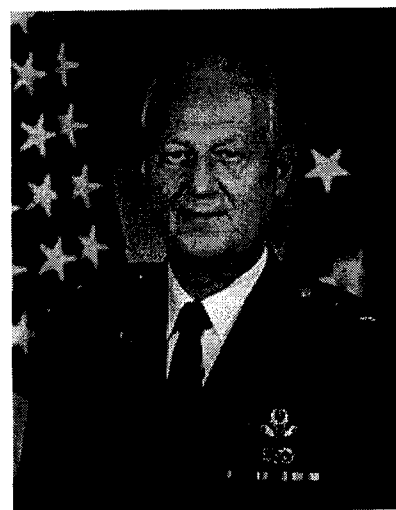
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MAJOR GENERAL JIM L. FOLSOM

Major General Jim L. Folsom is the mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff, air and space operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

The general entered the Air Force in 1963 as a graduate of the University of Tulsa, Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He has commanded maintenance and tactical airlift squadrons, served as vice commander of a wing and numbered Air Force. He is a command pilot, having flown over 6,000 hours, principally in tactical airlift. He flew as a tanker aircraft commander in the Southeast Asia conflict. In January 1991, while on his second 30 day volunteer tour in support of Desert Shield, the general was activated for Desert Storm and commanded a composite group of Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard C-130s. In civilian life, he is an airline captain.



EDUCATION:

1963 Bachelor of science degree in business administration, University of Tulsa, Okla.
1982 National Security Management Course, by seminar

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1963 - October 1964, student, pilot training, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.
2. November 1964 - March 1965, student KC-135 combat crew training, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
3. April 1965 - January 1967, KC-135 pilot, 6th Air Refueling Squadron, Walker Air Force Base, N.M.
4. January 1967 - December 1969, KC-135 aircraft commander, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
5. March 1970 - August 1971, C-124 pilot, 303rd Military Airlift Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
6. September 1971 - June 1972, C-130A instructor pilot, 303rd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
7. July 1972 - March 1977, commander, 303rd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
8. April 1977 - September 1982, assistant flight commander and flight examiner, 303rd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.

9. October 1982 - April 1984, flight commander, 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
10. May 1984 - April 1985, deputy commander operations, 901st Tactical Airlift Group, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
11. May 1985 - July 1988, commander, 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
12. August 1988 - September 1989, deputy commander maintenance, 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
13. October 1989 - February 1992, vice commander, 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
14. January 1991 - July 1991, commander, Composite AFRES/ANG unit of 19 C-130s, 28 aircrews, 200 maintenance personnel, later to become first ARF commander Bravo Squadron, based at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and Incirlik Air Base Turkey, during Desert Shield/Storm.
15. March 1992 - July 1993, vice commander, 4th Air Force, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.
16. August 1993 - June 1994, mobilization assistant to commander, 15th Air Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
17. July 1994 - March 1996, mobilization assistant to the Commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
18. April 1996 - March 1997, mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
19. March 1997 - present, mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff, air and space operations, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 14,000 military and civilian

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135A/E/R, C-124, C-130A/B/E, C-9, C-141

Civilian Rating: B707/720, B727, B757/767, L382, L1011 and MD80

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Air Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Presented the Air Force Association President's award

Military Airlift Command Excellence in Airmanship Award for a C-130 inflight emergency.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Jun 2, 1963
First Lieutenant	Apr 1, 1965
Captain	Apr 2, 1967
Major	Apr 30, 1975
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar 30, 1984
Colonel	May 1, 1988
Brigadier General	Mar 12, 1993
Major General	Feb 19, 1996

(Current as of July 1997)